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steel
Bursts upon th' enraptured sight,
As it flashes dazzling bright,
(Which the ordinary mortal and pedestrian
cannot feel),
Yell out: "See the blooming fool on his old-
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On his lofty and velocipedic wheel.
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As it warns the folks to give him room before
he gives them—Tophet.
And he disgorges all the while,
With a fiend-a, vacant smile,
As he works his number twelve in a rythmic
kind of style.
And the people, ah! they think,
When they hear that tinkle tink;
"Here comes old Darwin's lost or I have missed
the missing link."
And they positively feel
Like smashing up his wheel,
And implanting on his pantaloons some wounds
that wouldn't heal:
That would cause him to stand upright as he
takes his midday meal,
And would give him heaps of trouble as he sat
upon his wheel.
On his wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel, wheel,
wheel, wheel,
On his nickel-plated, highly-polished wheel.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DOUBLY SAVED.

BY F. M.

I must tell you all that has happened to me since my birthday party—my sixteenth birthday, that we kept so merrily in our country house.

It was soon after christmas, the twenty-eighth of December, and the Christmas decorations were all about the room, and the children's Christmas tree, all glittering with glass balls and little candles, stood in the corner. I wore my white silk with Jacqueminot roses in my hair and at my bosom. Amy Lovelace, my dearest friend, had pale yellow silk and tea roses. We were the best dancers in the room, and papa had quite a little band to play for us.

I remember Amy telling me that she thought Doctor Garcia had the most beautiful eyes she ever saw, except in the head of a seal. Such a funny compliment! But they were splendid, and Amy was right; and when she said he was very much in love with me, she was right too.

But Charlie Constant had been courting me for some time, and he proposed that evening when he followed me into father's study, where I went to get some music. I remember just what he said—the very words.

'Rose, you are the prettiest girl I know. May I have you?'

I laughed, and said, 'Yes, if mother and father say so.'

And he kissed me.

Later on, when Madame Vine was playing a wonderful piece, all trills and quavers and crashes, Doctor Garcia got me to himself in a quiet corner, and did the same thing. What he said was, 'Rose, I love you better than my life. I wish I thought you liked me enough to be my wife some day.'

And, in spite of what had just happened, a real pang pierced my heart.

How he could look at one, and what a deep, soft voice he had! I had hard work to answer just as I did.

'Oh, Doctor Garcia I do like you, but I'm engaged to Charlie Constant.'

But, then, who could blame me for my choice? Mr. Constant was old Archibold Constant's only son—rich, handsome, accomplished—all that men envy; and Doctor Garcia was poor, has his way to fight in the world, and was not handsome, Good? Oh, yes, I know that well; but all the girls envied me Charlie Constant. Yes I said that quite quietly, and he took my hand, said, 'God bless you; I hope you will be very happy,' and went away, and I did not see him for a long time. Charlie brought me a ring next day, and we were to be married on my seventeenth birthday.

What a pleasant year it was! It passed like a dream and mild winter came again, and the week before my wedding was a full moon.

We had planned a glorious ride ten miles through the country roads. Charlie and I were together, of course. We drove two new horses that day—animals that cost him a fortune, and were splendid creatures, though very nervous and hard to handle. But I was not easily frightened then; I did know what fear was. I could not remember ever having been hurt in all my life. I had never been ill or unhappy.

We flew over the ground, until we came near a rocky declivity known as "The Great Dell" which was covered with snow, the branches of great trees all covered with icicles growing in confusion along the sides. One branch fell as we dash along. It frightened the horses. They swerved: the vehicle turned over; that's all I know about it. Afterwards I came to myself down on the rock, horribly hurt and cold—so cold I could not stir, and I knew I was freezing to death.

I did not know what had happened to Charlie. Perhaps he was lying near me, dead. The sun was going down, and far up above I saw the bank over which I had fallen. I thought of mother, and father, and everybody, and it seemed very hard to die. Oh, Charlie must be dead, I thought, or he would have come down to me. It was all a kind of dream by that time, but just as the last ruddy gleam faded away I saw a man coming down the rock. A rope was around his waist and a staff in his hand. He came nearer and nearer, and at last he was beside me.

It was not Charlie. It was a bigger man than he.

'Is it father?' I asked, through my frozen lips.

"No," was the answer—"no, darling! father is up on the rocks there. It is I,"—and I knew it was Doctor Garcia.

I don't know how he got me up, but he did it somehow. I had fainted. I was in a little roadside tavern, in bed between blankets, aching in every limb, but at least not out in that fearful cold. I heard father tell Doctor Garcia he had saved my life, and I tried to thank him. And it was mother who told me Charlie was safe. I had not dared to ask.

Afterwards I found the horses had run away, and the rest of the party had gone on knowing nothing of the accident; and that Mr. Charles Constant had arrived at my father's in a farmer's cart, to tell them I was dead at the bottom of the "Great Dell."

'I should only have killed myself if I'd gone after her,' he had said, even if I had not been so bruised and hurt.'

That was true enough, and I did not blame him, although I thought that I, woman as I was, would have got to him somehow. But, you see, I called him Mr. Constant. He was never Charlie to me again.

I had been very much hurt, and after weeks and weeks had passed away I began to know that I was not likely to be myself again.

I asked Doctor Garcia to tell me the truth.

'Could you bear it if it were so?' he asked.

'I begin to think we can bear almost anything,' I said, 'and you need not say any more.'

After that, the next day, I sent for Mr. Constant. I don't want to tell you what passed, but when he went away he had my ring again, and I knew he had never loved me. It was very hard to bear—very, very hard; but, as I said before, we can bear anything that befalls us.

Summer came slowly. When it was warm, I began to sit up again, and to try to knit a little; and then Doctor Garcia began to take me out for a ride. He used to lift me in and out of his little carriage like a baby, and he petted me like one. I am sure he spent half his fees in buying books for me. He was the only one of the young men who troubled themselves about me now, and do you wonder I began to love him? I used to cry to think I had not felt in that way when I dared hope to make a man happy by loving him. If he could do all this out of pity, what would he not do for love? It never came into my mind that anybody could love me now, until one pleasant evening he came in and told me so.

'More than ever, darling!' he said. 'More than ever!'

I nestled up against him, and hiding my face on his shoulder, cried like a baby.

'I ought to say no,' I said. 'What good am I to anyone?'

But he kissed me—oh, how he kissed me! And he told me I was more to him than anything else that the world could ever give; and then I told him that was what he was to me, for indeed, indeed he was!

'If I could only walk about as I used,' I said, 'and look pretty, and be useful again! I am ashamed to give you this helpless little me.'

'You are always pretty,' he answered; 'always, always!'

But I felt that he did not hope I should walk. The fall had paralyzed my limbs, you see.

Mother put me to bed that night, as usual, and I lay awake for hours, thinking of him, and longing for health and strength to be of use to him who loved me so. And, Amy, such a strange thing happened! In the middle of the night I thought that I awoke, and a beautiful woman stood near the bed. I looked, but felt no fear, and she smiled on me; and then a sense of relief came over me I never had experienced before.

Doubtless it was all a dream; but when I did awake, I felt that something had happened to me. The numbness was gone; I could move, and from that moment I began to feel well.

I am almost as strong as ever now. Though I know I am not so pretty, and perhaps I shall never be; but I suit Garcia, and I am content—nay, I am more than that—thankful and happy beyond all the power of words to tell; and as I sit here looking at the river, and thinking that to-morrow will be my wedding-day, I honestly believe no living woman can be so blest as Jack Garcia's wife; and my honest prayer is that I shall be worthy of him and his love.

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Agent of the Trustees.

THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., December 14, 1882.

THE city of Erie is discussing the question as to whether her city councilmen should receive pay for their services or not. If they are not far above the average councilman both in honesty and judgment it would only be money thrown away.

TWO cent postage is probably not far off now and those who have letters to answer will save a cent on each letter by waiting perhaps six or eight months. And then this will seem as a valid excuse for not writing sooner, when one is accused of tardiness.

GOVERNOR-ELECT CLEVELAND has appointed his military staff and contrary to expectation every appointee with a single exception resides out of Buffalo. Cleveland was elected almost unanimously and will probably go out of office in about the same way.

THE investigation of the Jeannette affair, if it proves anything, goes to show that the vessel was officered by as select a lot of wranglers and jealous incompetents, as were ever housed together in one ship. It would have saved time, money and much reputation if the Lena Delta had swallowed the whole lot.

FROM all over the state comes the report of preparation to attend the inauguration of governor-elect Pattison. If Mr. Pattison carries out his intention of going to the capital unattended, and taking the oath of office before some Justice of the Peace, we cannot for the life of us see what there will be about it to attract a crowd, but perhaps, Mr Pattison will, at the last moment yield to the wishes of his people and be inaugurated in the good old democratic way.

REGARDLESS of the positive denial by Senator Cameron of the report, many newspapers are engaged in circulating the story that he will resign his seat in the senate to accept the portfolio of the treasury. While we would be very willing to see that place in the cabinet vacated by Judge Folger, and believe Senator Cameron eminently qualified to fill it, this Commonwealth cannot afford to dispense with the services in the senate, and his seat given to a democrat.

BOSTON people seem to be determined to convince the country that they are in earnest in the democratic business, and not content with electing a democratic governor and a number of other state officers, on the twelfth of the present month elected Albert Palmer, democrat, Mayor of Boston with a full board of democratic aldermen. If this city of culture and cradle of liberty does not exercise some care it will be difficult to longer persuade the people to believe that they are the moral and social hope of the republic.

AFTER fifteen years or more of legal contest the Supreme Court of the United States has decided the sale of the "Arlington Estate" illegal and that the title to the property vests in the heirs of the late Robert E. Lee. Under the act of Congress of June 7th 1862 the property was sold for taxes, the amount of accrued taxes being less than one hundred dollars but the property brought at the sale $26,800. As every one knows this property was used by the government as a national cemetary, except that portion that was carried by a fort. What the Lees will do with their immense [illegible] now that they have won it [illegible] seem, at any rate it is another big democratic victory.

AGAIN the people of Bradford have witnessed the shortsightedness of their city councils in not providing adequate water facilities for the use of the firemen in case of fire. That they had already had warning enough was thought by everyone who had given the subject a thought but the sequel shows the contrary. The firemen are not to blame for any portion of the damage occasioned by the late fire, nor, indeed, would they have been if the entire city had burned, as they are too well known throughout the State, for any to doubt their skill or daring. If the authorities of that City were to construct works to bring water from Marilla brook, or some other as convenient and practible locality, the saving of fuel, labor and other expenses of running the costly and insufficient waterworks as at present, would in five years or less pay the construction, and create a constant revenue sufficient to keep all the streets of the city in repair. But if the people of Bradford are content to sleep over this smouldering volcano, we at the distance of twenty-five miles can afford to feel tolerably secure.

THE subject of the Judicial apportionment, which would result in making McKean county a separate Judicial district is one that should receive early attention at the coming session of the Legislature. Under the provisions of the new constitution McKean county has the right by virtue of population to be made a separate Judicial district. A refusal to carry out the plain provisions of the constitution in that respect or any scheme to avoid doing so is a flat violation of that instrument as well as a great injustice to the legal interests of the people of this county. The business of our courts is about three years and a half in arrears. It is said that if two weeks of court were to be held every month it would yet take over three years to clear the dockets. It is thus readily seen that justice is retarded and litigation made almost a mockery, when a civil case commenced now cannot hope to be decided in less than two or three years. This is a matter of vital interest to all of our citizens and deserving of free discussion, and our columns are open to any expression of opinion either pro or con.

Justices Duplicating Malignity.

Little more than a month ago the opponents of President Arthur were asserting that the election of this State was a "crushing defeat" for him personally. In the moment of their triumph they jeered at and insulted him; called him "His Accidency;" assured him that the people had repudiated him as "Guiteau's President;" notified him that the people had taken pains to "find out what Arthur wanted, and had beaten him on it." This was the talk of men, professing, to be republicans, who joined hands with the democracy, to "get even" with the republican administration.

To-day this same President stands high in the confidence of the impartial, unprejudiced men of both parties. His Message to Congress has received praise far in excess of what is usually accorded to such public documents. Concededed to be clearly expressed, and positively stated, even those who have not been inclined to rate the President high in qualification for the important office that he holds concede that he evinces talent as a statesman which they did not believe that he possessed. Leaving out of consideration the so-called "half-breeds" in this state who cannot and will not be just to a president who has not distributed the "spoils" to suit them, the expressions of commendation elicited by the message are generous and sincere. We do not remember that a single democratic newspaper has criticised it unfairly. As an illustration of really "independent" sentiment, proceeding from a quarter where there has been no warmth of friendship for the president, and certainly no disposition to give him any more credit than his due, we quote from the New York *Sun*:

"Everybody who reads president Arthur's second annual message with attention will feel that it is made in the interests of honest and economical Government. No subsidy scheme runs between the lines. No public or private job lurks behind the paragraphs. From begining to end there is no recommendation upon which dishonest hopes can begin to build."

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"We observe with satisfaction that Gen. Arthur lends no aid to the Monitor jobbers; that he explicitly withholds his concurrence from the Postmaster-General's argument in favor of a postal telegraph system; that he sees the way clear to a reduction of letter postage from three to two cents; that he has not a word to say in favor of the nonsensical idea of inflating the Commissioner of Agriculture into a Cabinet officer; that he urges upon Congress the imperative need of further laws for the protection of the invaluable forests on our public domain; and that he promises that no star-route conspirator shall escape punishment through any lack of diligent effort on the part of the administration. There is considerable significance in the fact that he speaks of the prosecution of Brady and Dorsey as 'one of the star-route cases.' People were begining to forget that other persons were involved in the frauds."

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"President Arthur has written a most instructive message, patriotic in its spirit, business-like in its form, and full of evidence of a thorough study of the foreign and domestic business of the government."

This is the president concerning whom the New York "half-breeds" could not find language strong enough for personal denunciation, four weeks ago. Mr. Arthur paid no attention to these insults; he doubtless felt keenly the shafts of injustice and poisoned falsehood that were aimed at him; but he has not swerved from the path of official duty. And, to-day, while his detractors are wrangling with the democrats as to which crowd shall have the more influence in dictating to Governor-elect Cleveland the method of the distribution of the "spoils" in New York, President Arthur has the enviable consciousness of standing firmly in the confidence, admiration and hopes of the people of a nation—a confidence which party fealty does not interfere with; an admiration which party jealousy does not qualify; a hope which party ambition does not restrain.—Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.

Salaries vs. Fees.

The editor of the Harrisburg *Patriot*, Hon. F. B. Meyers, who has himself been named as a proper person for Secretary of the Commonwealth, has some notions about practical reform that would make him a useful member of a reform administration. In his journal of December 6 he prints the following paragraph, every word of which we adopt and indorse:

Now that the business of making a Cabinet for Governor-elect Pattison is going on, the people who have it in hand should inform the prospective Attorney General and Secretary of the Commonwealth that there will be fine opportunities for both of those functionaries to reform abuses which have obtained in the departments over which they are to preside. The Attorney General, for instance, has been taking illegal fees to the extent of $7,000 per annum. The act of Assembly under which he has pocketed that sum as his share of the fund produced by the 5 per cent. penalty on delinquencies to the State is clearly and indisputably unconstitutional. The object of the act (if it be to give the Attorney General the fees referred to) is not expressed in the title, as required by the Constitution. Besides it is only in a strained construction of the language of the act that the Attorney General finds warrant for the acceptance of those fees. The Cabinet makers should therefore break the news to the Attorney General of their choice that under Democratic administration he will probably be obliged to content himself with a salary of $5500 per annum and his pay as a member of the several State Boards. The Secretary of the Commonwealth might also as well be told that the fees taxed by that officer for affixing his signature to certain corporation papers will most likely cease to be his perquisite as a Democratic reform administration will see to it that they are paid into the Treasury. As those fees have averaged from $4000 to $5000 per annum the Commonwealth may be the gainer and the Secretary the loser to just that extent. All of which prompts us to repeat, what has frequently been suggested in these columns, that State officers should be paid by salaries specifically fixed and that they should not be allowed to take for their own any fees or perquisites of any sort whatever. If it be possible for the Legislature to fix the salaries of the Attorney General and Secretary of the Commonwealth before those officers shall have been sworn in that body should not hesitate in the premises. Such a course on the part of the Legislature would relieve the new administration from a very delicate position, and would at the same time inaugurate a proper and necessary reform in the compensation of public officials.

The Sore Spots.

There are spots here and there throughout the country where President Arthur's message is not well received, but they are generally sore spots. The message appeals with force to the sturdy good sense of the people, and it does not contain a single recommendation at war with the better opinion of the nation.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

[illegible] The Pr[illegible] that it given considerable [illegible] dependent journals.—[illegible] per.

The only good thing about Penn[illegible] vania this season, so far as appears, is that there is an excellent crop of [illegible] wheat.—Chicago Inter-Ocean. Thank you.

The country looks to see the Republicans inaugurate civil service reform this winter. It looks to see the Democrats inaugurate tariff reform next winter.—Indianapolis News.

There is a Stalwart grin at the neat way in which the President has met Half-breed allegation concerning the sweeping removal of Garfield men from office.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

Everybody is for a protective tariff—the only difference of opinion being whether it shall protect our own producers and workers of those of foreign lands.—Washington Republican.

The only substantial difference between the two great political parties now is, that one allows its opponents to vote, while the other does not when it can hinder them.—National Republican.

If Senator David Davis retires from politics when his term is up he will leave a vast emptiness in National affairs not to be filled by any other statesman of this generation.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

The restoration of the Arlington estate to the heirs of Mrs. Robert E. Lee fills the Democratic soul with delight, in exact ratio to its fondness for the cause for which her husband fought.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Dorsey took the scalp right off of MacVeagh, but he probably hasn't convinced the public that he is an innocent and abused man. A man may tell the truth and yet be guilty, and that is possible in Dorsey's case.—West Chester Republican.

Civil service reform does not worry the successful Democracy half as much as it did before the election. The perplexing problem now is how to make one office fit a hundred men. This is one of the penalties of success.—Scranton Republican.

There never was a time in the history of the republican party when it needed a leader capable of rising above factions and handling great questions with ability and in a manner to command support, more than at present.—Cincinnati Gazette.

Thurlow Weed's Parthian arrow, shot at the Masonic fraternity, contains no new point whatever. The Morgan episode has no more to do with the standing of the Order in our day than has the crime of Arnold with the reputation of the Federal army.—New York Star.

If the wages of workingmen are to be pulled down the price of the necessaries of life, food, clothing, rents, etc., must be reduced also. Laboring men have not been making fortunes of late. They cannot stand a reduction of wages unless expenses are lightened.—Altoona Tribune.

We know of no "Half-breed" or "Stalwart" members of the United States Senate. We only know of bourbon democrats, republicans and readjusters. The republicans of the country are tired of the old factional designations. Let us all abandon them.—National Republican.

If the Arlington estate had really belonged to General Lee, which it seems was not the case, it would have been forfeited for the reason that the special tax levied in 1862 was not paid. While General Lee did not appear in person, it will be remembered that he made repeated efforts to get here at that time and it was really no fault of his that he did not succeed.—National Republican.

Cleveland didn't have much of a vote after all. Tilden's vote in 1876 was 10.91 per cent of the population of this state. Hancock's vote in 1880 was 10 51 per ct Cleveland's vote was 10 08 per cent. A steady decline in the democratic vote since 1876. Just wait for the great republican rally in 1884. After that people will remember Cleveland as the name of a city in Ohio.—Dansville Advertiser

Mr. Folger's report on the state of the finances contains a great many words and a great many numerals. Here are four words and two rows of figures from the accounts of the last fiscal year:

Internal revenue	$146,497,596
Surplus revenue	145,568,810

Volumes of discussion on the state of the finances could add nothing to the force of this coincidence. The internal revenue has just provided the surplus.—N. Y. Sun.

We offered ten to one, yesterday, that the *Times* would not name the bank where chairman M'Clure deposited his campaign accounts for 1880, "to await audit from any inquiring mind." We are safe, to-day, in making the offer twenty to one; and we doubt if any other offer would expose those accounts to an open audit. By the way, was it a regular bank, or one of those other "banks?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Some legal bookworm in Washington has been mining among the musty enactments of a century ago, and claims to have discovered that the citizens of the District of Columbia are entitled to vote at the nearest voting place in Maryland. Should the law be declared operative, it will add some little political variety to life in Washington, where the citizen has been merely an observer of passing events without having any voice in the choice of representatives.—Ohio State Journal.

We should again remark to some of our democratic contemporaries that they might be better employed than in making slates for President and Vice President in 1884. We remember reading in *Punch* of a little boy who eat so much roast beef at a Christmas dinner that he couldn't eat any plum pudding, and was much depressed in spirits. If our democratic brethren gorge themselves on the recent victory, and do nothing else, the plum pudding of 1884 is not for the party.—Mobile Register.

As a politician Arthur has made some mistakes since he has been at the head of national affairs, but as a president he has done more to keep his party from going to the dogs than Congress and the republican party combined. His veto of the Chinese bill showed that he at least had the courage of his convictions. His veto of the river and harbor bill showed that he had both the courage and the honesty demanded by the exigencies of his position. And his late action in re[illegible] It would be much more reasonable, and of far greater benefit to the public, to make this reduction in letter postage than to turn the service into a luggage transporting concern by admitting to the mails bundles and boxes of various kinds that should properly be sent by express.—Scranton Republican.

The most of the democratic members appear to be determined to let taxes stand for another year, rather than to permit the republicans to "get the credit" of reducing them. That this policy might produce a serious disturbance of business, and bring disaster upon the country, does not matter to the average politician; in fact, many of this class are quite capable of welcoming a touch of hard times as all that would be needed to insure the success of their party in 1884.—Boston Herald.

A CONFERENCE of the Presidents of the warring railroads which carry to Chicago the products of the Northwest opened in New York Friday with the view of restoring the amity that formerly existed among them. The conflict between these great railroad companies grew out of the purchase by the Milwaukee and St. Paul of a side line or "feeder," which drained the territory of the Minneapolis and Omaha, and diverts the freight which is claimed exclusively by the latter. In brief, the question is one of a violation of territorial limits. Potter, the potentate of the Omaha, who claims sovereignty over all the region which his traverse, has resented the invasion of his dominions and declared war upon the St. Paul intruder by cutting down the rates for freight and passengers. The Northwestern Company, which had no share in the original quarrel, was drawn into it as the ally of both belligerents.

According to these new claims of dominion the familiar geographical and political divisions of the United States will soon become obsolete, and the whole territory of the country will be divided up into four or five great empires, each under the sway of a railroad potentate. Whenever one invades the dominions of another there will be a declaration of war. This will not be followed by the marshaling of hostile armies, the carnage of battle and the siege of cities, as in the wars of other great potentates of the earth, but in the cutting down of rates of transportation until the weaker belligerent is exhausted. A desirable solution of the conflict, however, is not thus obtained. The company that is reduced to bankruptcy, or whose line is most unfavorably situated, can hold out longer than the company that has most to lose. The Erie Railroad, after it was stripped by Gould and Fisk, furnishes a case in point. When the railroad powers have convinced themselves of the futility of their conflict a peace conference is assembled, like that now in session in New York, a new division of territory is proclaimed, and mutual arrangements are made for saddling upon the public the cost of the war by putting up rates of transportation all around.

It is said that competition is the life of trade, but this trite observation does not apply to railroad affairs, since these frequent conflicts afford a sufficient proof that the laws of trade secure neither to the public nor the railroads safe and stable conditions of business. The cunning arrangements of pooling, Fink's Bureau, and settlements of boards of disinterested arbitrators, accomplish just as little. There is either a grand combination against the public and a division of spoils or a fierce competition for freights, involving a ruinous cutting down of rates at the expense of the stockholders. To mend the matter the Granger Legislatures of the western states have rushed in to make laws governing the rates of transportation and have made only a worse muddle. New York proposes to try what virtue there is in a railroad commission, the members of which are to be appointed by the Governor of New York, the Chamber of Commerce and Thurber's Anti-Monopoly League, by and with the advice and consent of the State Senate. But this curious combination of the appointing power has been unable to agree who shall be the Commissioners, and when the New York Legislature meets in January there will doubtless be an amendment of this plan before it is put in operation. At the same time the numerous Legislatures of other States will get to work to grind out all sorts of abortive statutes for governing the relations of railroads with the public. In the meanwhile it will be interesting to observe the result of the great peace conference of the Western railroad magnates in New York.—Philadelphia Record.

A SAUCY French newspaper impertinently stated the other day, and the statement was duly cabled, that the French navy could ruin every American port. What renders this remark particularly annoying to Americans is that it is about half true, and that we of this unprotected country don't like to be reminded of our weak points. A few such reminders, however, can do no harm but rather have a wholesome effect, and arouse the wise men at Washington from their lethargy. No country under the sun possesses to-day such an extent of coast, comparatively defenseless to modern built and equipped war vessels, as does the United States, and certainly no countries or government is better able to meet this want. An overflowing treasury; men skilled in the field of marine architecture; great workshops ready to furnish the material as [illegible] required. All this we possess as a [illegible], and it is time that the weak places were made strong, not only by improved coast fortifications, but by the building of vessels of war as powerful as those which carry the English, French and Italian flags.—Pittsburg Telegraph.

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Smethport, Pa., December 14, 1882.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

—Give us some kind of amusement.

—The postoffice starts off smoothly after the change.

—The burned district at Alton will be rebuilt, according to report.

—Everything looks now as if we were in for it until the first of April.

—Two weeks more and we will have the bear garden in full blast in Harrisburg.

—Court is in session this week at Coudersport with Hon. H. W. Williams presiding.

—A more prompt and thorough use of the snow shovel would make the sidewalks safer.

—A Bradford justice of the Peace according to the *Star* tries breach of promise cases.

—A storm door to a house will save the costs of itself in fuel many times over in one winter.

—The oil market has been very quiet for some days past, prices ranging from $1.06 to $1.15.

—The jail is becoming well filled with a class of people who would rather be in jail than out in the winter.

—The buildings at the Extract works are up and enclosed, and now work can be carried on no matter what the weather may be.

—Bradford butchers sell venison steak at thirty-five cents per pound which looks as if they ought to have some profit somewhere.

—On Wednesday the market at the oil Exchange in Bradford dropped down to eighty-nine cents and again the lambs were fleeced.

—The Roberts National Bank with a capital of $100,000 has been granted proper authority to transact a general banking business.

—A handsomer show case than the double-decker received by Mart Armstrong this week was never seen in this neighborhood.

—House plants have suffered from the blizzard, and its all well enough. Such things are not worth the trouble it takes to raise them.

—Hunters say that the depth of the snow in the woods will prevent hunting to a great extent during the remainder of the lawful season.

—Passengers arriving at the Buffalo depot express surprise at the care that is taken for their comfort in coming from the depot to the hotel.

—Rev. Joseph Cook will deliver a lecture at the M. E. Church at Bradford to morrow evening which is expected to be very entertaining.

—The Producers Petroleum Exchange association have an eye on some portions of the burnt district in Bradford as a site for an exchange building.

—To our department of lies in another column should be added the statement of the man who killed a wolf in this county weighing 130 pounds.

—Coal dealers should leave a slate in the postoffice or some other convenient place, so that customers could order coal without waiting to hunt some of them up.

—Next week the regular term of court for the trial of criminal causes will convene, and the list set down for trial will bring about all the people in the county to court.

—The Forrest county bear wells, which have kept the market in an uncertain and dangerous condition, are not now regarded as of any consequence in regulating the prices of crude.

—Holiday goods without end are being brought into town, and the only wonder is, who is to take them off the merchants hands, as there seems to be enough for a whole state.

—The officers of the B. E. & C. railroad have investigated conductor Moulton and unanimously acquit him of any blame in the matter of the ejection of Mrs. Sage from his train.

—B. F. Sage the husband of the woman whom conductor Moulton was compelled to eject from his train, comes out in the *Era* with a long communication to show that all men except himself are liars.

—The school exhibition on the evening of the twentieth of this month will give parents, and others interested, an opportunity of seeing whether the children are making the progress in school which they should.

—The fire in Bradford was not as bad as if it had occurred at almost any other point in the city, as the buildings burned were a nest of old fire traps that needed clearing out. Now they can erect substantial structures.

—Police officer Jerry Reilley drove over from Bradford Monday evening with four prisoners, among the number was the well known Minnie West who has figured long in Bradford, but who now seems to be headed for the Western Penitentiary with a fair chance of being elected.

—The Elk *Democrat* after a few weeks past of hard pulling against the stream, re appears as large, and much finer in appearance than before the late disastrous fire. The *Democrat* has the pluck and will succeed, and besides, it is no time for a democratic paper to give up any way.

—Subsequent investigation goes to show that the fuss made about conductor Moultons inhumanity towards a woman on the B. E. & C. railroad recently was without foundation in fact, and was prompted, either by spite or an unwarrantable disposition to create a sensation.

—The man A. A. Richardson, of whom the Sunday *News* gave so bad an account last Sunday, telegraphs that he will be back to Bradford about the 23d of the month, and promises to make it warm for the *News'* people when he gets here. It don't pay to be untruthfully sensational.

—The Fireman's *Herald*, published in New York by Fred L. Pierce, is a fireman's paper in every sense of the word, earnest, watchful, and faithful to the interests of its constituents. The paper has a live correspondent in Bradford, who keeps up with the business in the oil country, and for which reason alone the *Herald* should be in the hands of every fireman in the neighborhood.

In our last [illegible] mention of a fire that [illegible] Bradford as we went to [illegible] though at that time we were without particulars, we knew nevertheless that taking into account the weather and the water facilities they had there could be no doubt that the destruction to property must be large, which subsequent inquiry and examination proves to be correct.

The fire broke out in the merchant tailoring establishment of J. G. Habernigg, and in all probability was caused by leaving a gas jet burning, which after many of the fires and lights were turned off for the night increased in volume until it reached the light wooden portion or some other combustible, and the rest is easy told. This building was originally built as nearly all the oil country buildings are of light wood, cloth and paper. Afterwards it was "veneered" with a single thickness of brick outside, and thought to be rendered comparatively safe from fire, which it would have been if the flames had originated in any other building than this, but as it was, the brick rendered it doubly dangerous and disastrous to itself as the fire was harder to subdue when it got between the wood and brick than it would have been otherwise.

The supply of water being totally inadequate the fire spread from one building to another until the entire square fronting the little park was destroyed, and the building in the rear up to those that front on Corydon street. Those destroyed consisted of the tailoring place of Habernigg, Bradburns paper and decorating store, the Bradford House, the Park Hotel, the LaPierre House, Furniture Store, two other buildings, one used as a billiard room and the other as a saloon, J. L. Andrews' saloon all on the Park front, then the building fronting on Mechanic street up to and including George Irwin's livery stable. The total loss is estimated at about $40,000 partly insured.

There was a woful lack of water for the use of the firemen, and, but for the steamers the place cannot be pointed out where the fire would have stopped.

Roll of Honor.

The exhibit furnished by Miss E. A. Georgia of the progress of the pupils under her charges in the Borough schools must be most gratifying to the parents of the young folks therein named, as it certainly is to the teacher whose care for the past quarter has been that those entrusted to her charge should at the close of the term show that their time had been spent profitably. The term now closing has been one of unusual interest as well as of unexpected advancement, a matter of congratulation in which all may share.

Miss Georgia's report is as follows

ADVANCED ALGEBRA CLASS, AVERAGE 98.	SECOND CLASS IN ALGEBRA, AVERAGE 88.
Clayton Backus,	Millie Comes,
Murton Billup,	Mattie Haven,
Clarence Moses,	Millie Duntley,
Kittie Rice,	Chas. Taylor,
Ella Freeman,	Burg Chadwick.
Alma Brennan.	

OTHER STUDIES, AVERAGE 96

Edna Keenan,	Flora Burlingame,
Alta Comes,	Packy Gorman,
Maggie McNulty,	Chas. Sterrett,
Carlton Sprague,	Neva Eaton,
Chas. Olds,	Frank Shattuck,
Carrie Vincent,	Kittie Rice,
Anna McNulty,	Millie Duntley,
May Brennan,	Maude Stevens.
Mary Mullen,	

Church Services.

The pulpit at the Baptist church will be filled on Sabbath next, morning and evening by Rev. J. W. Ainsworth of South Richland, N. Y. A cordial invitation is extended to any who wish to attend

On Dec. 17, at the M. E. Church preaching at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Vows." Sunday School at 11:45 a. m., and Class Meeting at 6:15 p. m. Preaching at 7 p. m. Subject: "The worth of man praising God."

Getting Worse Fast.

We were afraid that "My Sweetheart" would have a bad effect on the electric light-haired editor of the Bradford Sunday *Mail* but the subjoined screed which fell from his burning pencil last week settles it. Poor Joe is mashed.

"Mrs. Langtry ascribes her healthfulness to her "tom boy" "education." A girl with six brothers, she was early indoctrinated in all their outdoor sports, and in the fields and upon the water she acquired "chasmonous" of frame, and the incomparable "contours" of perfect health. If the example of this much vaunted beauty will persuade American girls that the pallid cheek of the "dispeptic" female and her languid movements are things to be avoided, masculine humanity will rise and return thanks."

Personal.

Hon. A. G. Olmsted will preside over the court in January.

D. C. Young went to Buffalo Monday to select a stock of Christmas goods.

Hon. S. F. Wilson will hold court here next week, which will be his last term in the district.

Col. J. A. Ege was reelected commander of Bradford Post G. A. R. last Wednesday evening.

Judge Brown of Warren holds that beer bottles are violators of the license law when they sell their goods.

M. A. Sprague shows his hand in this issue in a column ad. which only enumerates a tithe of the fine things he has in stock for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Backer received a letter from Boston yesterday informing them that their residence had been burglarized and much of value taken away. The full extent of the loss cannot of course be ascertained until a thorough examination of the house is made.

The Express Delivery.

Some two weeks since, through some misunderstanding the Express delivery of goods was taken from Larry Sheban and given to some party in East Smethport, and the whole affair was done so quietly and quickly that Larry didn't know what ailed him, but when he had recovered from his surprise somewhat he wrote a letter to the Superintendent of the Express Company for this division for some explanation, and in answer to his letter, that official came to this place a few days ago, and after an examination into the affair, promptly reinstated Mr. Sheban. It is charity of course, to say that it was not jealousy that caused this trouble but it looked a little queer to say the least. In the future Larry will hold the reins over the express delivery as of yore.

[illegible] there were present seven children, twelve grand children and one great grand child as well as a company of friends of the family numbering fifty or more.

The Doctor, who is now in his seventy-fourth year, is hale and well preserved, and during the evening read to the assembled friends a carefully prepared, though brief history of his life since the important day of which they met yesterday to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary. We have been promised this paper for publication next week, at which time we will be able to give a more complete account of this pleasant affair.

The Christmas Tree.

According to the time honored custom, the people of the Methodist congregation will give an entertainment for the benefit of the children of their own school as well as all others who wish to attend, the central attraction of which will be a Christmas Tree, laden, as usual with useful and beautiful presents for the little folks. From the fact that Christmas comes on Monday this year, the tree will be raised and decorated on Christmas evening, instead of the evening before as is customary. Ladies will be in waiting at the Church Monday afternoon to receive and arrange any presents that may be brought in, and those having this pleasant entertainment in hand wish it understood that all are invited and welcome, and when any persons whether belonging to the school or not wish to place presents on the tree for friends, the management will be pleased to have them do so.

Music will be furnished and a pleasant and profitable time is anticipated and all who can should avail themselves of this opportunity to see and mingle with the happy smiling faces of the little men and women.

A Bolivar Landseer.

A Bolivar painter has just finished a lurid production, by which he hopes to gain undying fame. It is entitled a speculator's dream and is thus described by a local paper. The speculator is asleep on a luxurious sofa, holding the world in his hands. The uncertainity of his possession is shown by a fiend in the act of taking it away from him. Floating in the air around him are the following scenes: An oil exchange building with its corridors crowded with people, while the devil sits on top and is fishing for victims, using a bag of gold as a bait. Men leave places of business, manufacturing establishments and agricultural implements, and in attempting to seize the bag of gold discover that it is only an illusion and plunge off into the bottomless pit, a train of cars, Commodore Vanderbilt's face forming the headlight of the engine, and in the smoke the forms of Drew, Gould and Fisk can be seen, while Grant is represented as being crushed beneath the wheels, the dreamer is at the card table where he holds a royal flush and his opponent only small cards; oil wells and refineries, other scenes representing steps from a millionaire to a beggar. All these scenes are very perfectly represented, yet not so vividly as to rob them of their visionary character.—Era.

McKean County Stone Works

It is not known to near all the inhabitants of this county, that we have within a few miles of this borough a quality of stone that for fine work, mantles, monuments and all work that requires high finish, is not excelled by any and in durability is superior to any marble that can be produced. We had heard much said about this same stone and work that had been made from it but until making an examination of it, had no idea that it was susceptible of so high a finish or so beautiful when done. A mantel in the new house recently built at the head of Main street by Frank Andrews, which is made of the stone taken from John Digel's quarry in Norwich township and cut and finished by John himself, is certainly as fine a piece of work as can be seen in the neighborhood, and for appearance and durability is far ahead of marble or marbleized work, and, in that it is produced and manufactured in our midst and by a mechanic whose interests are one with the community. Monuments and gravestones of every description are made of this fine rock and the time is not far distant when its qualities is coming well known, it must take the place, in a great measure, of marble. At the quarries and in the shop, Mr Digel has constantly in his employ, ten men, and sure of the adoption of this stone for a large scope of work he is busy taking it out and in readiness to put it in place in a manner that cannot fail to give entire satisfaction.

Death of John Ross.

Just as we go to press we are informed of the receipt of a telegram by W. J. Colegrove announcing the death of his son in law, John Ross, of Coudersport. He died at Jersey Shore, where he has been lying sick for several days. The nature of his disease we have not learned. He was the only son of Hon. Sobieski Ross, who represented this district in congress two terms, and was a young man of unusual promise. He was prominently connected with the Jersey Shore and Pine Creek railroad and his death in the early days of his usefulness is a severe blow to his community as well as to his family and friends.

Chester A. Arthur's Way.

The defamers of President Arthur are not aware that he was the first Collector of the Port of New York who put in force civil service reform. During his Administration he inaugurated the competitive system. The records show that he made fewer removals than any of the Collectors that preceded him. Collector Schell removed 14 per cent. of his force yearly; Collector Barney, 21 per cent.; Collector Draper, 15 per cent.; Collector Smyth, 20 per cent.; Collector Grinnell, 26 per cent., and Collector Merphy, 24 per cent. Collector Arthur removed 2½ per cent. The removals under Robertson will show more than 10 per cent. The highest number of removals was made during Governor Fenton's Administration, who had full swing of the Custom House when Mr. Grinnell was Collector. Fenton is now President of the Chautauqua County Civil Service Association.—N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

[illegible] sent through [illegible] procured a pistol, and, while running on Main street at the Old Well supply store, deliberately fired a shot into his head. Some passers-by noticed the tragical affair and taking Evans up carried him to Kinsler's drug store where he received such attention as was necessary, after which he was carried to his room in the Parker House. Two physicians Williams and Craig were in attendence on the man, and, while his attendant was absent from the room a few moments about half-past two o'clock in the morning the man died.

Evans had been railroad building in Warren county, but his contract not being profitable, he had thrown it up and returning to Bradford had soon spent his money, whatever he had, in drink and otherwise, and getting in debt for board, become despondent and took his life as above stated.

A brother of the deceased, W. H. Evans came from Farnsworth and took charge of the remains which will be taken to Quebec, Canada for interment, that being his former residence and the home of his relatives. Evans was about thirty-five years of age and unmarried.

[illegible] of Keating [illegible] killed and another injured [illegible] some time ago. The damage [illegible] by three appraisers under oath to be fifteen dollars—ten for the killed and five for the injured. Sharp killing dogs must be good judges of live stock, as we have yet to hear of their killing a sheep worth less than about a hundred per cent. above the market price—in the opinion of sworn appraisers, when the county has to pay the damage.

A Free Lunch.

Anton Diehl proprietor of the Union House at Farmers Valley will give a free lunch on Christmas and New Year's and invites all his friends to call and see him. He will also have a stock of warm Vienna sausage and Farmers' Valley first-class Bock Beer on hand.

Osgood's Advertising Agency.

Advertising agencies have become institutions necessary to the success of all large business houses. Business men with large interests necessitating the reaching of the great mass of people, through the columns of the press, have recognized their usefulness, thus relieving them of the tedious details of getting rates, making contracts, and the thousand and one other things required to reach the newspaper world. Among the many old and established agencies having the patronage of some of the largest and most influential advertisers in the country, there are none with a system so perfect that it cannot be improved upon. Of the latest, and best, the agency of Messrs. Osgoodby & Co., of this city, deserve especial mention. Their plan seems to be as near perfection as it can possibly be; and advertisers will find in it features worthy the attention.

In the circular just issued by the house it is partly set forth as follows:

"When an advertiser desires an estimate for any number of newspapers, we give him the exact cost on papers that we have a contract with, only, while it is the custom of most agencies to guess at the price of space in papers with which they have no arrangement, and then take the chances of securing the rate given. We confine ourselves exclusively to those papers with which we know at what rates we can place advertising, and are sure of an insertion at that rate when contracted for by us."

Those accustomed to the making of a large number of contracts will readily appreciate the points thus gained: they being sure of a fixed rate, and at prices at the very bottom of those that can be secured in any agency in the country.

Messrs. Osgoodby & Co. have also issued a finished and complete "Newspaper Directory," which is offered at the low rate of $5.00. In every way responsible and painstaking in their dealings, ready to give as references any bank, newspaper, or business house in Buffalo, there can be no doubt but what this agency has a future before it of great promise. It is at present located at No. 191 Main street, where communications can be addressed, which will receive early attention and prompt replies.—Buffalo Sunday Morning Times, August 13d3.

A few Newspaper Facts.

By an unaccountable misapprehension of facts there is a large class of people in the world who think that it costs little or nothing to run a newspaper, and if they buy a copy occasionally they are regular patrons and are entitled to unlimited favors. Men ask for a copy of a newspaper for nothing who would never dream of begging a pocket handkerchief from a dry goods store, or a piece of candy from a confectioner, even upon a plea of having done business with them once before. Our paper is not much, but thirty to forty cash issue will amount to something in the course of time. But this is a small drain compared with the free advertising a newspaper is expected to do. Some people when they once pay for an advertisement think they are stockholders in the establishment for eternity. Without being represented in its advertising columns, we have had people request us to gratuitiously insert this notice, or draw attention to this article, with the slight suggestion that "it will not cost you anything to put this in," which is just as ridiculous as to ask a man to grind your axe on his grindstone, and graciously tell him it won't cost him a cent. It takes money to run a newspaper as well as any other business; no paper can succeed financially that carries a dead-head system. Any mention of people's affairs that they are anxious to see in print is worth paying for, and when printed is generally worth as much as any other investment of the same amount.

The newspaper business is very exacting on all connected with it, and the pay is comparatively small; the proprietors risk more money for smaller profits, and the editors, reporters and printers work harder and cheaper than the same number of men in any other profession requiring the given amount of intelligence, training and drudgery. The life has its charms and pleasant associations, scarcely known to the outside world; but it has its earnest work, anxieties and hours of exhaustion, which also are unknown to those who think the business all fun. The idea that newspapedom is a charmed circle, where the favored members live a life of ease and free from care, and go to the circus at night on a free ticket, and travel on free passes in the summer. Is an idea which should be exploded. Business is business, and the journal that succeeds is the one that is run on a square business footing, the same as banking, building bridges or keeping a hotel.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

—A fine span of eight-year-old mares are offered for sale by Thomas Frisbee at Frisbee station. The animals are well known in this neighborhood and will no doubt find a ready purchaser. Mr. Frisbee has recently stocked his store with a large line of goods suitable for holiday presents, and unless he takes a different course from that usually pursued by him he will sell them if he don't realize anything more than cost and carriage.

—Miss E. Carson is now able to show her customers at her store on Main street the finest stock of children's goods, millinery and all that pertains to ladies', misses' and children's furnishing goods that has ever been opened up in Smethport. Miss C. is a careful buyer and this added to her well known skill in her art as a milliner makes her store deservedly the most popular institution of its kind in this neighborhood.

—Call and examine the beautiful and useful articles I am now displaying, which are particularly suitable for Holiday Presents, consisting of Ladies' Fur Lined Kid Gloves, Undressed Kid Gloves, Fichues Ruchings, Silk and Lace Handkerchiefs, China Cups and Saucers, Mustache Cups, Toy Cups, Wax Dolls from 5 cents to 5 dollars, Perfumery, Notions, etc. in endless variety, Dolmans, Cloaks and Ulsters, at Buffalo prices, Ladie's and Gent's Slippers, Arctic Overshoes, Rubbers, Zephyrs, and Yarns in every shade and of all descriptions.

Ladie's and Gent's Fancy Slippers, Arctic Overshoes, Rubbers, etc. at rock bottom prices, at Miss. Nash's.

HALL'S VEGETABLE SICILIAN HAIR RENEWER is a scientific combination of some of the most powerful restorative agents in the vegetable kingdom. It restores gray hair to its original color. It makes the scalp white and clean. It cures dandruff and humors, and falling-out of the hair. It furnishes the nutritive principle by which the hair is nourished and supported. It makes the hair moist, soft and glossy, and is unsurpassed as a hair dressing. It is the most economical preparation ever offered to the public, as its effects remain a long time, making only an occasional application necessary. It is recommended and used by eminent medical men, and officially endorsed by the State Assayer of Massachusetts. The popularity of Hall's Hair Renewer has increased with the test of many years, both in this country and in foreign lands, and it is now known and used in all the civilized countries of the world.

For sale by all dealers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

D. C. YOUNG

Has the LARGEST Stock of

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

—In the County—

NEW GOODS,

LOW PRICES,

Complete Assortment of

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,

HATS AND CAPS,

BOOTS AND SHOES,

CLOTHING,

Groceries and Provisions,

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE,

NEW STYLE DRESS GOODS,

Ladies' Fine Lace Collars and Handkerchiefs,

Elegant stock Gents' Furnishing Goods,

Large Line of Flannel, and Bleached and Unbleached Sheetings,

A Specialty made of

FINE TEAS.

BEST QUALITY OF CANNED GOODS.

No. 1

BUTTER AND CHEESE.

BEST QUALITY OF

FLOUR AND MEAL

At Lowest Prices,

And every thing else usually kept in a country store. Call and examine for yourself. A pleasure to show goods.

MAIN ST. BACKUS BUILDING,

Smethport, Pa., Oct. 5, 1882.

MILLINERY GOODS.

LATEST

Fall and Winter

STYLES.

Fine Ruchings, Yellings, Knitting Silks, Worsteds & Notions.

All orders promptly filled by mail will receive prompt and careful attention. Prices warranted to please.

Miss E. CARSON,

In Kittredge Block Smethport, Pa.

LIVERY AND Exchange Stables

F. O. WRIGHT, Proprietor.

Parties desiring single or double rigs for pleasure or business purposes can be furnished at any time with

Good Horses and Stylish Rigs

drive any distance. Pleasure, Fishing and Hunting parties carried at reasonable rates.

LIVERY and Exchange Stables

At The Bennett House Barn.

G. R. & C. H. MOORE, Proprietors.

Parties desiring single or double rigs for pleasure or business purposes can be furnished at any time with

GOOD HORSES AND STYLISH RIGS

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WAGON,

Carriage and Blacksmith Shop,

MECHANIC ST., SMETHPORT, PA.

Wm. Masser, - Prop'r.

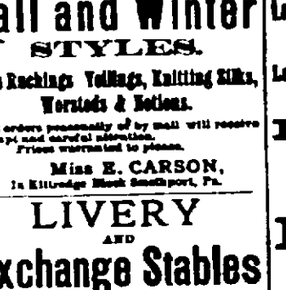
HORSESHOEING!

A SPECIALTY.

The Greatest Care Taken in Shoeing Horses with

Bad Feet!

All kinds of Repairing done to order on short notice.



—LOOK FOR—

L. W. Mason's

—Special Prices on—

General Hardware,

STOVES AND TINWARE.

Housekeepers' Hardware,

CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE,

In This Space NEXT WEEK.

P. S. I have the Best Tinner in the County, and He Knows.

Largest Stock of Fall and Winter

CLOTHING

In Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Citizens of Smethport and vicinity,

RUSLANDER

THE SQUARE DEALING CLOTHIER

OF BRADFORD, PA.,

Begs leave to lay before you a few of his prices and Specials, as,

Men's Heavy Mixed Overcoats,	$3.00
Men's Brown Chinchilla Overcoats,	5.00
Men's Fancy Chinchilla Overcoats,	$6.00 to 7.00
Men's All Wool Overcoats,	8.00

Also, a full line of FANCY, DIAGONAL, WORSTED AND DRESS OVERCOATS ranging in Price from $12.00 to $30.00

In Men's Suits can offer the followings

Union Cassimere Suits	$4.50 to 6.50
Black Diagonal in Sacks or Frocks,	$5.00, 6.00, 7.00

Cassimere and Dress Suits of every Quality and Description.

OUR BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S

DEPARTMENT.

Special attention of the Ladies is called to this Branch of the Business. Without any exaggeration I have the Finest, Largest and Most Complete Stock of

CLOTHING FOR BOYS

And CHILDREN'S WEAR that can be found in any Establishment outside of New York.

If You Are in Need of

Children's Play Suits,	Boys School Suits,
Children's Cassimere Suits,	Boys Heavy Cassimere Suits,
Children's Fancy Cheviot Suits,	Boys Fancy Cassimere Suits,
Children's Black Diagonal Suits,	Boys Fine Diagonal Suits,
Children's, Kilt Suits,	Boys Fine Tricot Suits,

CALL ON ME AND I WILL GUARANTEE SATISFACTION IN STYLES AND PRICES.

Remember the Place,

RUSLANDER,

The Square Dealing Clothier,

88 MAIN ST. 88

Duke and Wright Block,

BRADFORD, PA.

LEGAL.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF LEVARI Facias, Fieri Facias and Venditioni Exponas issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county and to me directed, I will expose to public sale at the Court House in the borough of Smethport on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1882

At 1 o'clock p. m.

1.

All the defendant's interest in and to all the following described real estate situate in Annin township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post corner of Warrant No. 1438 and the land of Thomas Hall; thence south forty-one degrees and thirty minutes west one hundred and seventy-six perches to a post; thence south eighty-nine degrees west two hundred and twenty-four perches to a post; thence north one degree west one hundred and seventy-six perches to a post; thence north eighty-nine degrees east two hundred and twenty-four perches to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and twenty-one acres and one hundred and eighty-four perches in the same Warrant, and being the same premises conveyed by Thomas Hall to Thomas Cronin.

2.

All that certain piece or parcel of land in said township of Annin, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post corner of Warrant No. 1438 and the land of Thomas Hall; thence south forty-one degrees and thirty minutes west one hundred and seventy-six perches to a post; thence south eighty-nine degrees west two hundred and twenty-four perches to a post; thence north one degree west one hundred and seventy-six perches to a post; thence north eighty-nine degrees east two hundred and twenty-four perches to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and twenty-one acres and one hundred and eighty-four perches in the same Warrant, and being the same premises conveyed by Thomas Hall to Thomas Cronin.

All the defendant's interest in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in Corydon township, McKean county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a post corner of Warrant No. 1438 and the land of Thomas Hall; thence south forty-one degrees and thirty minutes west one hundred and seventy-six perches to a post; thence south eighty-nine degrees west two hundred and twenty-four perches to a post; thence north one degree west one hundred and seventy-six perches to a post; thence north eighty-nine degrees east two hundred and twenty-four perches to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and twenty-one acres and one hundred and eighty-four perches in the same Warrant, and being the same premises conveyed by Thomas Hall to Thomas Cronin.

All the defendant's interest in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land